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Hon. Leonard D. Wexler United States District Judge United States Courthouse 202 Federal Plaza Central Islip, NY 11722-4454

> re: USA v. Gerald #13 cr 141 (LDW)

Dear Judge Wexler;

Attached are sentencing letters from Jamel Gerald, and family members.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

B. Alan Seidler

cc: J. Gerald

bas/ee

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From:

GERALD JAMEL (81958053)

Sent Date:

Monday, October 5, 2015 1:21 PM

To:

seidlerlaw@gmail.com

Subject:

RE: legal

To Honorable Leonard D. Wexler,

I write to you in hopes to explain to you in depth what my thinking was, and what type of person I was prior to my imprisonment. I grew up in a household with my two grandparents because my mother was on drugs real bad, and my father was in jail most of my life. My grandmother did her best to take case of us, but she has 12 kids in the household to take care of. My grandfather never finished school, so he was not able to gain favorable employment; he couldn't read or write. I guess that's why he used to beat us a lot with anything he could get his hands on. Don't get me wrong, I loved him. I just didn't understand why he neat us. I tried to be a good kid but a lot was going on at home. My mother was in a bad relationship. Her boyfriend used to beat on her real bad. One day, he hit her so hard that the top of her eye opened up. Blood was everywhere. I couldn't do anything to help her. I was 9 years old. She kept calling me, but I was afraid to go in her room to help her.

Even though she was on drugs, my mother was my pride and joy. When I was 12 years old, my dear beloved mother got beat to death. Her body was found in Central Park. This is when my world came down on me. I was so hurt by my mother's death. It came a time in my life that I didn't want to live anymore. I felt like I didn't have anybody. I had no one to talk to me about it. They didn't hug me and tell me it was going to be alright. my grandfather used to tell me that I was futile. I was only 12 years old. At my mother's funeral, I tried to close her casket because she had been beaten so bad, and I didn't want everyone to see her like that.

My grandmother took me to counseling sessions because I would see my mother's face all beat up inside her casket in my dreams. In school, I also had individual counseling because I was hurting inside. I was receiving SSI for my learning disability. I wasn't a bad kid in school, but the other kids used to pick fights with me, and call me names because I couldn't read. I taught myself how to read and write when I was 15 years old. At 17 years old, I had my son. I wanted to be a good father, so I tried to get a job, but I had no skills. Where I was living, everybody sold drugs to get by, so I did what I thought was right but I wasn't good at it and got locked up. I messed my whole life up when I started getting high off of drugs. I didn't care about my life. I wanted to die. I wish I had somebody to tell me that there was a better way, but where I'm from, it was everyone for them self.

When I came home in 2003, I got a job off the books doing construction. Then I got a job at Big Brother Big Sister unloading the trucks. It felt great to have that job, but they had to let me go in 2007. I did my whole parole without a violation. In 2008, I lost my job, and to top it off, my landlord had lost the house but didn't tell me. They turned off the lights and heat. It was winter, and I had my girlfriend and 4 children living with me. I tried to get a job but they would not take me on because I had been in jail. my father couldn't help me because he was also losing his house. So I got back into selling drugs. I stopped selling in 2010 because my cousin Keith Murray let me be his road manager. We went to every state doing shows. We also went to Germany, Sweden, South Africa, Finland, Denmark, and Copenhagen. This is what I was doing when I was home.

I thought I made it. I also was doing photography and videography. I was getting money to feed my family. I took my son to Africa with me. My son is in his last year of college. I'm so happy that he is doing good, and I'm also happy I was there for him. I did my best so that he won't come to this place. I thought I would never come back to jail again because I had stopped doing wrong, but my past has come back to haunt me. I'm sorry for all the wrong that I did in my life. This is the longest I've ever been in jail, and it's killing me and my family. I will never sell drugs again. You will never see my face in your courtroom again. This time that I've been in here showed me that my freedom is more than money. And I can do anything that I put my mind to. I have a skill now that I'm going to put my all into when I get out. I love doing videos so that's what I'm going to do. I'm going to help the kids in my community so they can stay away from the gangs. I really hope you see that I have changed my outlook on life, and that I'm not a bad person. I'm a loving father that took care of his kids. I was doing a lot for my town, putting together football games, cook-outs, basketball, just trying to do the right thing for the kids. I was turning my life around before I got locked up. When they started this investigation, I was not selling any drugs. Thank you for taking the time out to read this letter.

B. Alan Seidler

Respectfully Yours,

Jamel Gerald 81958-053

Mr. Michael Mallay 11430 Jifferson aver # apt. 210 Newport New V.a 23601

Good Morning Your Honer, Thy name is Michael Malay Sim Jamel Gerald father. I'm writing you to humbly ask you to be linen and concentrate in your sentencing of my trouble son. Jamels Smother and I were too young when he was borne We did not know how to piece a child proparly, therefore we made a lot serious misotakes that cause negative consequences in my son life. I got ento a lot légal trouble when I was a young man. When famel was very young, a

amount of time, more than one time in his young life, furthermore; his mother was violently murdered when he was just a young boy. Once again I was incarcerated when he needed me the most in life! In my assent my son struggle to undersjandwhy His parents was no longer in his lefe.... But despite my son profound social struggles he managed to keep his childre going in the right direction ju life. To die credit, d'un proz To tell you that his two oldest some succeptful College student Turthermore four his four atherthe younger children are good students t as well

Wis Children Jone and miss him dearly because he's a loving and carry Jahr Who supports this family your Honor, places please Leep his mind I m a sity years old Pather who need his son in his life before I die Hod bleased me with James the some Which James the young of the two. Currently, I'm a retired desable local 380 eron worker. Howr Honor, please Consider the things of shared with you about James and I early beginnings.

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The Honorable Judge

My name is Janya Jones Mallry. I am Gerald's step Mother. I have worked at late Lauder for twenty years. I am now working at Bon Secours hospitals. I am writing in reference to Jamel Gerald, Through out the years that I have know Jamel. I know him to be respectful, Considerate, thoughtful, and down right Foring. I am Very proud to have Jamel Come into my life and I ento his. Jamel has shown me it's ok to Cry and God Will See you threw. I fost my son at fourteen years old. He drowned at a pool party. Jamel That field a void in my heart And nierd. I could always Count-on Jamel to But Life into Perspective for me. To make me fell there is a reason for living. If have been Jamel demonstrate the love a father gives to his Childrens I have seen him standing at the bus stop to but his Kids on the bus. I know Jamel to be a great friend a wonderful father and a blessed son. We miss him so dearly and pray you would find it in your heart to see him him so dearly and pray you would find it in your heart to see him

I ask that you Consider his worth in life, while you determine his faith. Thank you for your time And Consideration. Have a wonderful day,

Sincerely Janya Jones Malloy